

**AGENDA ITEM:** Board Priorities

**ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:** Consideration of Board Program Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:** I

move that the Library of California Board adopt the following program priorities which the Board identified as part of their Planning Session on February 16, 2000:

For Fiscal Year 1999-2000 (not in priority order):

- Infrastructure for regional network development including operational funding
- Implement online databases in all regions aimed at the general public and youth
- Selection by the Board of the telecommunications model at the regional level and implementation of the selected model
- Begin the direct loan pilot

and for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 (not in priority order):

- Development of statewide database programs and criteria for development
- Electronic document delivery
- Trial databases for specific library type
- Statewide resources for statewide licensing
- Implement ILL at the regional and inter-regional level.

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 16, 2000, the Library of California Board conducted a planning session facilitated by Marilyn Snider, Snider and Associates, to begin a strategic planning process, and to develop program priorities for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

Included with this agenda item are the following documents:

- Outcomes of the Planning Session, which include a draft mission statement and draft program priorities for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001
- The agenda for the Planning Session
- Staff-generated documents which were used during the Planning Session.

At the February Board meeting, Vice President Fong reported that Board members present at the Planning Session had made recommendations for priorities, and that these priorities needed to be adopted by the Board, because a quorum of the Board was not able

to attend the Planning Session. As this action was not noticed in the publicly posted Board Agenda, the Bagley-Keene Act would require a suspension of the Agenda should the Board wish to take action at this (February) meeting. The Board suspended the agenda and voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program priorities developed during the Planning Session.

Following the February Board meeting, staff sought clarification from Paul Smith, California State Library legal counsel, to determine if staff's interpretation of the Bagley-Keene Act was correct. Mr. Smith's opinion is that the Board was not capable of taking action on this issue as Bagley-Keene requires an emergency condition and requires a minimum of 48 hours notice. While the Board may have met the first condition, it did not post notice of action as required. Mr. Smith determined that the Board's action in February could be ratified by a motion passed by the Board at its next regular meeting.

**CURRENT STATUS:** Being brought to the Board at this meeting are the Library of California program priorities identified by the Board for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. As outlined at the Planning Session, there are multiple directions in which programs and services can be developed at the regional and statewide levels. However, to make best use of funding, it is important to determine both direction and priority for program development. Having Board priorities in place provides a framework for staff development of program structures and services, as well as for consideration of requests for grant funding from Library of California local assistance funds. The priorities developed by the Board set this necessary framework, provide guidance on where the Board would want staff resources to be directed, and demonstrate the Board's intention to develop the structure of the Library of California program.

**RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:**

1. Discussion and consideration of a Strategic Plan for the Library of California, including mission, vision, and goals statements.
2. Updates on programs which implement Board priorities for both regional and statewide services.
3. Consideration of proposals to further define program priorities and develop plans for implementation.

Relevant Committee: Ad-Hoc Planning Committee  
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